

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1518-01  
Bill No.: HB 515  
Subject: Children and Minors; Social Services Department; Education, Higher  
Type: Original  
Date: February 20, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal requires all children over 15 years of age in foster care or in the Division of Youth Services to receive a visit to a state university or community or technical college in Missouri.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Children's Division (CD)** state as of December 31, 2012, the CD had 2,776 children in foster care age fifteen and older. State colleges, community colleges, or technical colleges are spread throughout the state of Missouri and can be found within approximately 50 - 75 miles of even the most rural areas of Missouri and, in most areas, much closer. The CD assumes that most of the foster children live within 25 miles of a state college, community college or technical college. Using 50 miles as the average round trip miles and utilizing the Missouri's State Fleet Management Trip Optimizer, state car mileage expenses are \$0.37 per mile.

Assuming the CD makes a single trip for each and every foster child over the age of fifteen to a state college, community or technical college, the presumed costs would be:

2,776 foster children x 50 miles x \$0.37 cents per mile = \$51,356

The CD currently covers the cost for some of these types of visits through existing funding or through school sponsored events, etc. The costs associated with any additional visits required under this legislation that are not currently occurring would be absorbed by the Division. Therefore, the fiscal impact is zero.

Officials from the **DSS - Division of Youth Services (DYS)** state during the past several years, the DYS has increased the amount of focus and support on secondary education completion and post secondary pursuit for the youth in its custody. With this effort, many of the eligible youth have had the opportunity to visit a college or vocational training center either individually with their service coordinator or as part of a field trip. Therefore, it is the DYS' estimation while costs were submitted in 2011 at \$12,780, the DYS is confident that the provisions of SB 205 can be implemented with any additional costs absorbed within current funding levels.

Officials from **Northwest Missouri State University** state, assuming the receiving college or university isn't expected to defray the cost of the foster care student's travel to/from campus, no fiscal impact to the university is expected.

Officials from **Metropolitan Community College** state this proposal could have a positive, although unknown, fiscal impact on their organization. The impact is not likely to be significant.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education (DHE)** state the proposal would have no direct, foreseeable fiscal impact on the DHE.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from **Lincoln University, Linn State Technical College, Missouri State University, Missouri Western State University, the University of Central Missouri** and the **University of Missouri** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

In response to similar legislation from the current session (SB 205), officials from the **Missouri Southern State University** assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

No additional universities or colleges responded to **Oversight's** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.


This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Higher Education  
Department of Social Services -  
    Children's Division  
    Division of Youth Services

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (continued)

Lincoln University  
Linn State Technical College  
Metropolitan Community College  
Missouri Southern State University  
Missouri State University  
Missouri Western State University  
Northwest Missouri State University  
University of Missouri



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